



## **South Texas Veterans Health Care System**

### **PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program**

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The Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency Program at the STVHCS in conjunction with The University of Texas College of Pharmacy has been accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists since 2005. The program is designed to provide a challenging training opportunity for individuals desiring to develop clinical competency in the specialized area of psychiatric pharmacy. The 12-month training period incorporates outpatient, inpatient, and residential experiences devoted to the development of skills essential for the delivery of pharmaceutical care to patients with mental illness. This residency allows for ample teaching opportunities, both didactic and preceptorship, as well as offers a formal teaching certificate program. At the completion of this year-long training program, the resident is qualified for positions in clinical pharmacy and academia as clinical faculty.

The critical objectives for the residency are:

1. Analyze and assess information on which to base safe and effective medication therapy for patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders.
2. Design or redesign safe and effective patient-centered therapeutic regimens and monitoring plans (care plans) for patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders
3. Ensure implementation of therapeutic regimens and monitoring plans (care plans) for patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders by taking appropriate follow-up actions.
4. Demonstrate personal, interpersonal, and teamwork skills critical for effective leadership in the provision of care for patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders.
5. Manage one's own psychiatric pharmacy practice effectively.
6. Use effective written communication to disseminate knowledge related to care of patients with psychiatric and neurologic disorders.
7. Recognize and respond appropriately to psychiatric emergencies.

### **PROGRAM COMPLETION**

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Upon successful completion of the residency program requirements, participants will be awarded an ASHP-accredited PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency certificate.

## LEARNING EXPERIENCES

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### Required:

- Orientation – 1 month
- Inpatient Psychiatry - 3 months
- Outpatient Psychiatry - 3 months
  - Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI)
  - Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP)
  - Advanced Outpatient Psychiatry
- Neurology - 1 month
- Geriatric Psychiatry/Extended Care at the San Antonio State Hospital (SASH) - 1 month
- Substance Abuse - 1 month
- PRIME Psychiatry Clinic- Longitudinal

### Electives:

- Additional one month of Inpatient Psychiatry, PCMHI, or BHIP
- Geriatrics (VA)
- Forensics (SASH)
- Pain Management
- Psychiatry Consult Liaison Service

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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- Research/Quality Improvement Project
  - Poster Presentations
  - A Manuscript/Publication
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Electronic Consults
- Drug Information Questions/Pharmacy Newsletter
- VA Pharmacology Grand Rounds
- In-Services
- Journal Club and Case Presentations
- Student Topic Discussions
- Didactic Lectures
- Pharmacy Committees
- University of Texas Pharmacotherapy Rounds
- University of Texas Pharmacotherapy Seminar

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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